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In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of the claims under §102(e). Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6681.

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